

Degree expansion

Pending approval Northwest will offer a cyber security degree fall 2018

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Northwest will offer a cyber security major beginning next fall, pending approval of the curriculum from the state.

Due to a national demand for graduates skilled in the area of cyber security, there is a need for more programs in Missouri, according to the director of the School of Computer Science and Information Systems Carol Spradling. Spadling says the new major will attract students to Northwest.

“I think there’s going to be a lot of students who will look at Northwest who maybe wouldn’t have looked at us before because of the fact that we’re offering cyber security,” Spradling said. “This is going to be a very popular major. I think it’s going to be as common as a computer science major would be on most campuses because there’s a great need in Missouri.”

The School of Computer Science and Information Systems has been told by its advisory team that businesses of all kinds are in need of cyber security employees, according to Computer Science instructor Scott Bell.

“The demand is incredible,” Spradling said. “They’re projecting right now an 18 percent job growth, zero percent unemployment. There was a cyber security report that came out about a year ago that said there are one million unfilled jobs right now in the United States [in cyber security]. They’re estimating globally that by 2019, there will be 6 million jobs available for cyber security.”

Spradling estimates the program will bring 60 new students by its fifth year, but said that it could easily be more and does not include enrolled students planning on changing their majors. Sophomore Jack Hill is planning on changing his major from computer science to cyber security.

“A degree focused on cyber security would prepare me to be on the bleeding edge of computing,” Hill said.

Hill has an internship at American Century Investments in infor-

mation security and said changing his degree will set him in the right direction with his current job and future career.

“I have talked with my mentors and managers at my internship about the new classes that are planning to be offered as part of the new degree, and they believe that they match, if not exceed what they are looking for in a program focusing on cyber security and they highly encourage me to switch to the new degree,” Hill said.

Instructors in the School of Computer Science expect this new major will draw students to Northwest because it provides hands-on experience in all departments and majors from freshmen year on.

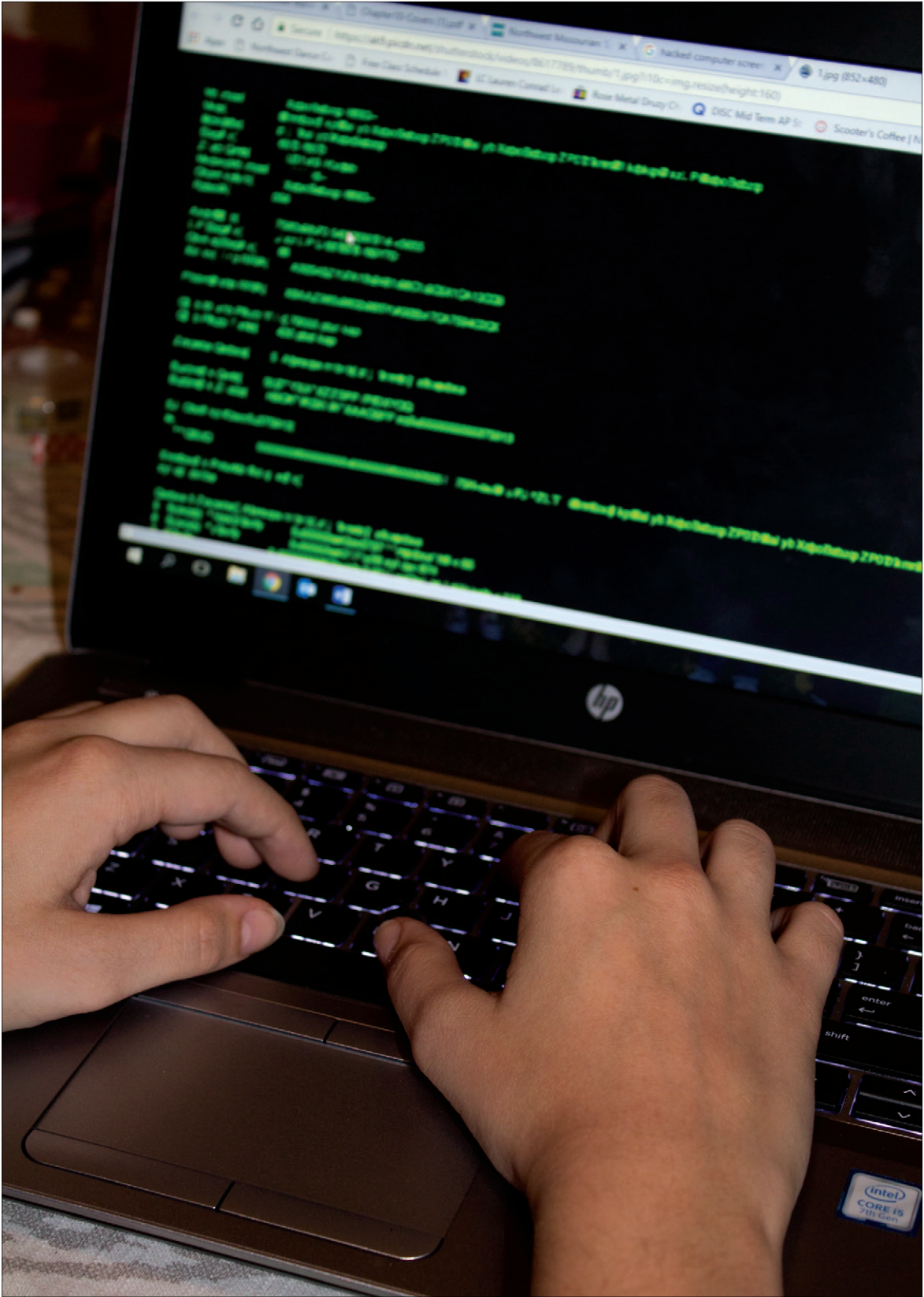
“We have a lab downstairs where we can simulate or even actually wire up an entire network or multiple networks, and have the students practice the activities that we talk about within our course work so we can get a lot of hands-on experience,” Bell said. “I’ve had several students that have come out of our computer science degree already that have gone in and done work with network administrators at various companies in Kansas City and Omaha as interns and done security work.”

The cyber security curriculum will be based on standards currently being written by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), a board made up of college professors from across the country as well as notable individuals in the industry.

Computer science instructor Michael Oudshoorn is involved with ABET and incorporated their decisions and considerations so far into the curriculum writing.

“We already had a number of classes that were cyber security related because we had a cyber security minor, so we introduced five new classes and they are introduction to cyber security, secure programming, digital forensics, cyber risk management and incident response and a course on ethical hacking,” Oudshoorn said.

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Published author visits Horace Mann

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Children’s author Marcus Sikora visited Horace Mann after receiving an award winning letter from a fifth grader.

Marcus Sikora is the author of the children’s book “Black Day”, a Halloween book about a boy wanting to be accepted into a monster band. Marcus Sikora got the idea for the book at a state park.

“I was at Mahoney State Park,” Marcus Sikora said. “It’s a great place to think about monsters.”

Marcus Sikora also draws his inspiration from some of the activities he enjoys doing, especially theater. He has acted in a few local plays, and wrote a short one act play.

The most remarkable part about Marcus Sikora is the fact that he’s done this with Down Syndrome, according to Horace Mann student Hadley Cline.

“(I like Black Day) because the author of it has Down Syndrome but still wrote a great book,” Cline said. “I think people with Down Syndrome shouldn’t be judged for what they look like but what they can do.”

Cline is the fifth grader at Horace Mann who wrote the letter. She wrote author Beth Vrable

about a character with Down Syndrome and how it brought her to find Marcus Sikora.

In her letter, Cline told Vrable how her book inspired her.

“Your book got me thinking about how we should not judge people with disabilities by what they look like on the outside because most people who see someone like Marcus Sikora would not think he would be a great author and be doing amazing things,” Cline said in her letter.

Her strong words in the letter caught the attention of Marcus’s Sikora mom and manager, Mardra Sikora.

“So thanks to Google Alerts, we discovered that Hadley... wrote a letter to an author, who she mentions in her letter is only author she knows with Down Syndrome,” Mardra Sikora said. “So she (Hadley) did a little research and found Marcus and she found his book.”

Hadley’s words uplifted Mardra Sikora.

“Her (Hadley’s) words made me feel good for the future of humanity,” Mardra Sikora said. “If you give people a chance and believe in them they can do anything.”

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Provost search narrowed to the final two candidates

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Northwest’s search for a provost has been concluded and is expected to be announced soon.

The Provost Search Committee narrowed the search down to two candidates, Timothy Crowley and Jamie Hooyman.

The committee is composed of eight people from all different campus aspects.

The committee brought both candidates to campus this week where they met with different groups on campus along with staff and faculty.

Each candidate had an open forum and reception for University employees. Crowley’s interview was held Monday and Hooyman’s interview was held Tuesday.

Employees were asked to give feedback regarding each candidate and submit their responses to the Office of Human Resources Tuesday by 5 p.m.

The Provost Search Committee then looked at those statistics and came to decision on who the provost will be.

Senior Katie Brown was the student representative in the Provost Search Committee.

“We just finished up every-



TIMOTHY CROWLEY



JAMIE HOOYMAN

thing,” Brown said. “At this point in time, Dr. Jasinski (President John Jasinski) will reach out to the candidate. Depending on whether they accept or deny, we should have a press conference planned and a press release by Thursday afternoon.”

Crowley is the associate provost for academic affairs at Fort Hays State University. He is responsible for leading the Honors College, general education, First-Year Seminar, Credit for Prior Learning, professional development, curriculum management and department chair leadership development.

“The mission statement that focuses on student success was really important to me in helping me decide which institutions to try and apply for,” Crowley said. “It’s

really simple, every student, every day. It really hits home with me.”

Hooyman is the interim provost at Northwest. She is responsible for providing leadership, vision and focus on student learning while addressing the areas of enrollment, workforce, access innovation and student expectation.

“I have a lot to contribute in the areas that we need to move forward in,” Hooyman said. “We’ve got such wonderful faculty and staff that I think I can add my knowledge, skills and abilities to and get us to where we need to go. I’ve been so impressed in the last 15 months I’ve been here. It’s a place I can believe in; I’ve got to believe in something to be able to do it.”

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Student Senate hosts annual blood drive

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Student Senate hosted its annual fall blood drive event. Unlike last years, however, this year some of the blood will be sent to hurricane-stricken areas.

The blood drive was held Oct. 24-26 on the third floor of the Student Union. Senior and Civic Service Chair Madison Adler explains some of the reasoning behind the annual blood drive.

“We host the blood drive every single year since like 1970 and we do it to help all of the hospitals in Maryville and the Northwest region,” Adler said.

Adler explains this year the senate decided to do things a bit differently.

“This year is a lot different than other years because after we fill up all the blood (supply) that we need at (local hospitals) the rest of the blood is going to be sent to down to hurricane Harvey and Florida and Puerto Rico,” Adler said.

According to Adler the senate choose to help hurricane strike areas because they were in dire need of blood.

“(We chose) to help with them because all their blood banks are shut down because of the storms and it is going to take them six to 12 months to rebuild and restock,” Adler said. “Donating blood now is going to really help them in this time of tragedy and disaster.”

Adler is not sure the exact amount of blood being sent out

the Maryville area, however, the plan is to stock all the blood banks in the Maryville area, and send the rest south.

“I’m not sure how much is staying here because we do this blood drive frequently on campus so they should have enough blood,” Adler said. “I would say half of the blood will stay in Maryville and half will go down there.”

Despite the discomfort Adler experiences when donating blood, she still recommends it.

“I’m a little bit of a baby, so I don’t have the best experience when I donate blood, but I still try to give blood every single time,” Adler said. “I get sick a little bit, but I still do it every single time.”

The motivation for donating is personal to Adler.

“My grandpa had cancer, so he needed some blood transfusions... I know personally how much the blood means to people, so that’s why I try to donate,” Adler said.

The first time for donating blood can be intimidating. Sophomore Julie Zeiger shares her first experience.

“I was really scared to do it last year, and then I just convinced myself to go do it one day and I did. Ever since then, I have been interested in doing it every time there is an opportunity to,” Zeiger said.

Zeiger finds that the experience is not as bad as people think it might be.

She offers this bit of encouragement to someone who is unsure if they should donate.

“I would tell them to just try it.



Sophomore Stephen Burk talks to his nurse as he donates blood during the Student Senate annual fall blood drive Oct. 24-26 on the third floor of the Student Union.

It’s really not that scary, honestly, and it makes you feel good after you are done because you know you’re helping someone,” Zeiger said.

Sophomore Micaela Bohn has a similar story to Zeiger’s.

“I was really nervous the first time about the needle because I have never gotten any tattoos or anything. I was super nervous, but it really wasn’t that bad. I never had a terrible experience with it,”

Bohn said.

Bohn explains that the needle is really the only difficult part of the process.

“It kind of hurts when they stick the needle in, but other than that you just kind of sit there, hang out until it’s over and then get some snacks,” Bohn said.

The turnout is right on target from previous blood drives, even with a slight hiccup, as

Adler explains.

“We had a little bit of hiccup because the Red Cross had a blood drive at the rec center on Tuesday too, so Tuesday did not have the best turnout. But Wednesday started picking up again, so it has been doing well so far,” Adler said.

The drive brought in a total of 279 register donors as well as 94 first time donors and collected 192 units of blood.

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Mental health issues are on the rise for college students

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Multiple studies released in 2017 have shown a growing rate of mental health-related issues in college students.

A survey conducted by the American College Health Association found about 20 percent of college students had been diagnosed with depression at some point in their lives, up from 10 percent when the survey started in 2000.

According to Mike Mattock, a counselor at Wellness Services, the University offers a variety of services to help students dealing with mental health disorders and issues.

“We offer individual counseling sessions which can focus on any number of issues. Some of the most common are anxiety, depression, relationship issues, self-esteem issues, academic concerns and with these concerns there are also several offices which we can also send students to (and) career-related concerns,” Mattock said.

Mattock also stated Wellness Services offers services related to eating and body image and can also help students regulate their emotions. Mattock believes they offer just about any services a person can think of.

Along with the individual counseling issues, Mattock also stated they also offer counseling services related to relationship issues.

“... (We offer) couples counseling sessions which have to do with relationships issues primarily,” Mattock said. “This could be any relationship dating and roommate relationships family relationships really anything dealing broadly with any kind of relationships.”

A National College Health Assessment (ACHA) survey, reported nearly one in six college stu-

dents or 15.8 percent had been diagnosed with or treated for, anxiety. The same survey also found that 21.9 percent of students said within the last 12 months, anxiety had affected their academic performance. This is an increase from 18.2 percent in the ACHA’s 2008 survey. Meanwhile, 13.8 percent reported that in the last 12 months, depression had affected their academic performance, an increase from 11.2 percent in 2008.

According to Mattock, college can be a stressful time and it is important for a college campus to offer counseling services.

“I think it is important because college is power packed and there is a lot involved in going to college in terms of academics, transition from home environment, trying to figure out what a person wants to do with their life, relationship issues because you come up here and make new relationships and sometimes these are different or harder to manage,” Mattock said. “Just trying to manage a lot of these things at the same time can feel complicated and sometimes people can use assistance working through issues that might surface in some of those areas.”

This stress is often what leads students to develop mental health-related issues and causes them to seek out professional help. According to a survey from the Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA), there has been an increase in students seeking services for anxiety disorders and over the past 15 years, depression has doubled and suicide has tripled among college students.

However, while there has been a rise in mental health issues according to an article published on the website Marketplace, stigma is still an issue when it comes to mental illness, often preventing students from seeking help.

Sophomore communication



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major, who would have asked to only be referred to as Mackenzie stated having someone to speak to privately, who is there to help you grow and get better while not passing judgment is extremely important.

“It is nice to have someone to turn to and be accepted by and not made to feel like a freak for having all of the issues I have,” Mackenzie said.

According to Mattock, the services offered at Wellness Services are free and everything which happens in counseling sessions is always confidential.

“There is never any cost for counseling services,” Mattock said. “You can make appointments by calling Wellness Services. Typically people call and set up ap-

pointments, but if there is a crisis where they feel unsafe or they feel that they cannot handle that crisis we have walk-ins. They can come in on a walk-in and in that situation they would see the first counselor that would be available.”

Mackenzie believes college campuses need to not only have a variety of services, but also need to provide free or cheap services because not everyone can afford health care.


“It is important to have options on college campus otherwise people would go crazy,” Mackenzie said. “I am bi-polar, I have ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder), ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), anxiety, depression and probably

something else that I haven’t discovered yet. Sometimes I need help and there isn’t help available. Sometimes there isn’t affordable help available, and it would be nice to have help because I can’t stand to be in my own head some days.”

While Wellness Services has set hours Mattock stressed there is a multitude of options and services for students in crisis after Wellness Services has closed.

“Our hours are Monday through Friday eight to five and if a person feels like they are experiencing a crisis when we are not open they can always call University Police, they can always call St. Francis hospital, or a 24/7 support line you can also call at 888-279-8188,” Mattock said.

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Style needs to take a backseat during Winter



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As the temperature continues to drop, students are reaching into their closets and pulling out any layers that can help protect them from the bitter cold. Unfortunately, some people seem confused about what adequate layering consists of. Worse yet, many are willingly sacrificing their comfort and warmth for the sake of fashion.

Style is a wonderful tool. It can increase self-confidence and be a great source of self-expression. But in cold weather, it becomes increasingly important that clothing serve a practical purpose as well. Besides, do you know what is not cute? Goose bumps. And frostbite. And Hypothermia. Admittedly, your choice of sweater may not consistently result in the life and death circumstance of hypothermia, but it could certainly result in chattering teeth and added discomfort. By all means, dress to impress. Just be sure to dress for success while you are at it.

In forfeiting warmth for the sake of appearances, people put themselves at higher risk for developing many common illnesses. No one will care what you are wearing as you are curled up in bed, spewing snot on your sheets, wiping gunk from your nose and helplessly nursing a cold. That is not your best look. Unless you intend to hibernate in that bed for the next four months, it is best to consider adding a few more layers the next time you go out. There are many misconceptions surrounding what many believe those layers should be.

For instance, men and women alike please do not solely depend on a puffer vest to keep you warm. I understand the benefits are clear. Vests provide an added layer of centralized warmth to your torso. It may be news to many, but there is a new, revolutionary invention that does the exact thing while simultaneously covering your arms; it's called a jacket. As autumn began, a countless number of girls expressed their excitement for "sweater weather." As winter draws near, cheers for sweater weather become more and more disconcerting. It is important the student body equiva-

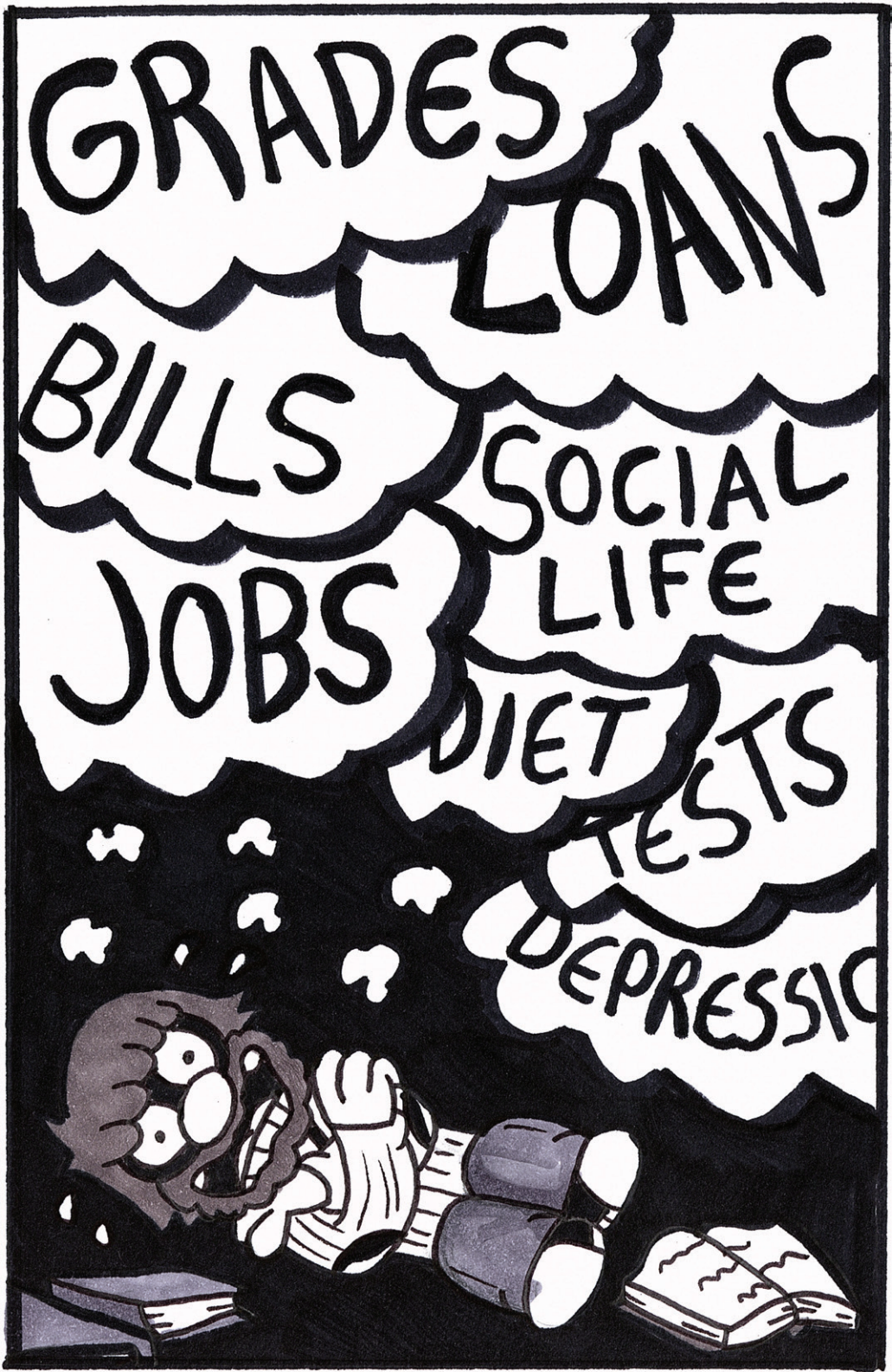
lently addresses imminent coat climate and scarf season, despite being less catchy. As sweaters reinsert into our wardrobe, jackets, gloves and hats should be gathered because they must quickly join the ranks as well. Health and comfort should always be prioritized before fashion. Students should consider this as they choose apparel in the upcoming months. Before heading out on the dreaded journey to class through the frigid tundra that is Missouri in the fall, be sure you are properly equipped for the weather, however it may affect your style.

OUR VIEW:

Students cannot let stress get the best of them

More and more college students are suffering from mental issues, such as depression, anxiety, OCD and eating disorders. Why are mental health issues on the rise among college students? One word: stress. College students are some of the most stressed out people in society. Is it a surprise why? We have classes, their respective homework, work to pay for those classes, trying to maintain a social life and somewhere in there try to eat and sleep. This is a problem. It's not healthy from a mental standpoint. While stress can be a good thing, too much can lead to the development of mental issues such as eating disorders, depression and anxiety. Physically it changes people too. Weight gain, lower immune systems, lethargy and a higher heart rate are all just a sliver of physical symptoms. All of this affects our performance as students and productive members of society. But who is really to blame for all of this? Society? Universities? While it's safe to say both parties play a large role in these rising numbers, however some of the blame does fall on the students. But, most of the time, mental issues such as depression, and anxiety are neurological and can't be helped. The University offers counseling for a variety of things, but how often do students really want to talk to a stranger about issues which they keep close to their hearts? Not to mention there are only so many counselors. However, there are other ways for students to ease their burdens. It may be as simple as cutting back on your activities. Sure, in your head you can say you'll take 18 credit hours, join Greek Life, be on an exec board

for three other organizations and date while getting a healthy amount of sleep and eating a perfect diet, but honestly you just can't. As the saying goes; "You can do anything, but not everything." As much as you may want to experience every facet of college life, sacrifices have to be made. Priorities also need to be established. Realistically, you can get three to five things done outside of your regular routine. Decide what is most important and do it first. Maybe it's laundry, maybe it's working on a project, either way, decide what needs to be done and when. Finally, the idea of taking time off and relaxing has to lose it's "lazy" and "selfish" stigma. It is important for people to be "off" or not have to check their email and phone every ten minutes. Relaxation is a vital part of mental health. There is only so much stress and strain the mind can take before it becomes too much and starts to shut down. Sometimes you have to put yourself ahead of friends, clubs and homework. This isn't to say procrastination is a good idea, but have a set time to wind down. Have a night routine and try to stick to it as much as possible. Make an appointment with yourself. Sit down, watch Netflix, read a book or go for a run. Whatever relaxes you: do it. Of course there is only so much a college student can do on their own. Students should still utilize the Wellness Services here at school. Northwest does care about the wellbeing of its students and gives many opportunities for students to take advantage of. Stress may be causing issues, but at least students don't have to give it all of their being.



Star Trek's next frontier is an important step



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CBS released a new Star Trek series "Star Trek: Discovery" and it has been a groundbreaking success. "Star Trek: Discovery," has done the one thing "Star Trek" has never done in its 50 year history. It introduced the first gay couple between two of the main characters, the chief engineer Lt. Paul Stamets portrayed by Anthony Rapp and

Dr. Hugh Culber portrayed by Wilson Cruz. "Star Trek" has always presented a future where everyone is accepted for who they are. So by the 22nd century, racism, sexism and heterosexism are things of the past and are no longer systems of hate in human society. These are exactly the kind of things "Star Trek" and society has needed in recent years, so it's good to see "Star Trek" taking one more step for mankind. Throughout the "Star Trek" series, you see people of multiple ethnicities, members of different species and some of the wackiest aliens one can think of, all work-

ing together as colleagues regardless of the color of their skin, the shape of their ears or gender. The inclusion of a same-sex couple has truly embraced the concept of everyone being equal. In the 51 years of "Star Trek," this is the first official couple that is a part of the main canon of the series. "Star Trek" has never been afraid to tackle hard issues in the past, and spark conversations among its viewers and the community. "Star Trek" was the first series to depict an interracial kiss on television in 1968. Homosexuality is really the only topic "Star Trek" has tended to avoid over the years.

It is amazing to see such a famous series embrace something that, in recent years, has become more accepted, as it is an issue in need of more discussion. By adding this element, "Star Trek" is staying true to embracing the concept of everyone is accepted for who they are regardless of their race, species or sexual orientation. When I first heard about this, I had not watched the episode yet, but all of the discussion boards I followed were exploding with pride and happiness. Once I watched the episode, I had the exact same feeling. Never have I been so proud in a fandom that plays a big part in who I am and

has made me the biggest nerd ever. "Star Trek" has never been afraid to embrace the issues we have in our society today and show us a possible future where these issues have been resolved. Everyone can live the life they want to live and the differences defining us do not play a role in how they are treated by society. While I know this is science fiction, I hope one day the concepts of the Federation and the belief of acceptance is one we eventually adopt as a human race so we can end the hate people have to face every single day.

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The Maryville community gathered downtown on the Square Oct. 30 for the annual downtown trick-or-treat.

TAYLOR JOHNSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville businesses host annual downtown trick or treat

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The community of Maryville congregated downtown Monday to trick-or-treat on the square.

For the past 22 years, the Maryville town square has hosted an annual downtown trick-or-treat. The tradition started in the 90s with the Heart of the City organization to promote the downtown Maryville area. This event is now organized by Kathy Rice.

“After the Heart of the City

group folded, I couldn’t see this ending,” Rice said. “It was just too much fun and too good of an event.”

Rice used to work together with Rod Coutts on this event and now organizes the event mainly on her own.

Trick-or-treat on the square is open to all businesses.

“When I lost my business and I started working at the Nodaway News Leader, Kate Wilson, who’s the publisher and my boss, has been very kind and allows me the time and the support of her staff

both here and at Rush Printing to help me do this event,” Rice said. “This is the fifth one that I’ve done as an employee at the Nodaway News Leader.”

Businesses were set up all around the square, on sidewalks and in the grass. According to Rice, over 80 businesses participated in the event.

As an indicator to how many kids attended this event, Rice referred to the number of glow necklaces the D.A.R.E. officers gave out. She said the officers gave out

over 1,500.

“The kids last night, it was cold and windy and we had them bundled up,” Rice said. “The last few years we’ve had nice weather for this event. We had a lot of families that didn’t hit all the businesses, they hit a few and when they got cold and tired they started going home. I know we did not get all the kids to all the businesses.”

Lily White, director of the Chamber of Commerce, was at this event handing out candy.

Her favorite part of the night

was seeing all the kids in their costumes with their parents chasing them around.

“We like to support the community and be a part of downtown events,” White said.

Rice is already looking forward to trick-or-treat on the square next year.

“Next year it (trick-or-treating on the square) will be Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m.,” Rice said. “We’re excited; it’s just one of those things that everybody looks forward to and really enjoys.”



Children’s author Marcus Sikora visited Horace Mann after receiving an award winning letter from Hadley Cline, a fifth grade student at Horace Mann.

SUBMITTED

SIKORA

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“We’re very excited to be here and show that to the kids,” Mardra Sikora said.

Marcus Sikora has already started working on “Black Day 2”, and is planning to write a total of five books. Marcus Sikora said all the books will have a Halloween theme.

Marcus and Mardra Sikora travel the country visiting schools, but Horace Mann was the first school she was able to bring the book’s illustrator Noah Wetchell.

Wetchell helped draw pictures for the book, but also helped with the animation.

“My inspiration for my drawings? Well mostly through Marcus’s drawings,” Wetchell said. “That’s what we jumped off of. Marcus has a certain style he draws in and I really tried to retain as much of that as possible

while still making is feasible to animate.”

Marcus Sikora and his parents worked with Wetchell and a few close friends to put together an animation to depict the book. Marcus Sikora voiced the pumpkin head, and is proud to say that he was the singer for the band’s song in the animation.

“Marcus has been taking voice lessons,” Mardra Sikora said. “It’s always so exciting to see him perform his songs and watch the children to start jumping up and down.”

The music video, as well as the book’s animation can be found on Youtube.

Marcus Sikora participates in lots of Down Syndrome events. Most recently, he and his friends participated in a fashion show for people with Down Syndrome.

On his website, Marcus Sikora stated his thoughts about being an author with Down Syndrome.

“My syndrome is fine,” Marcus Sikora said. “Down syndrome

doesn’t have anything to do with the book.”

In his free time, Marcus Sikora enjoys staying busy.

“I like to do voice lessons, watch theater, especially on Broadway and work out,” Marcus Sikora said. “I also have two jobs, one of them filling vending machines. I like to ride on horse carriages and I work in an office.”

Cline said that she doesn’t like the stereotyping of people with disabilities.

“Many people stereotype people with Down syndrome,” Cline said in her letter. “Usually people do not think of words like wonderful, smart, creative, and author to describe people with Down syndrome. However, Marcus Sikora, the author of Black Day: The Monster Rock Band does have Down Syndrome and his book was very wonderful and creative. The next time I meet someone with a disability I will work to see into the person and not the disability.”

CYBER

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Although cyber security is a constantly changing field, Bell said one of the goals of the program is to give students a strong foundation of theoretical principles for them to build off of throughout their career.

The school of Computer Sci-

ence and Information Systems began work on this major in late July of this year. The creation of the major depends on the approved proposal from the faculty senate, consults with other departments teaching classes for the major and the written and approved curriculum from the state.

Although the cyber security major is still pending approval from the state, Spradling said she was impressed with how quickly this major made it through the faculty senate process.

cess.

“I’ve been here 29 years now, and the way faculty senate used to work is that it moved at a snail’s pace to get proposals through,” Spradling said. “We’re very agile now; we have new electronic software that we’re using this fall that’s really allowed us to make that process easier, and the other thing is we have great coordination going on between faculty senate and the schools and the departments.”

Blotters for the week of Nov. 2

Maryville Public Safety

Oct. 14

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 700 block of North Fillmore Street.

Oct. 20

There is an ongoing investigation for disorderly conduct at the 700 block of West Sixteenth Street.

Oct. 21

A summons was issued to **Cole Reha**, 20, from Adair, Iowa for disorderly conduct at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Oct. 22

A summons was issued to **Orvin Williams**, 22, from Kansas City, Missouri for not having a valid driver’s license, failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 500 block of West Seventh Street.

A summons was issued to **Jocelyn Banks**, 19, from Lee’s Summit, Missouri for driving while intoxicated and imprudent driving at the 100 block of West Seventh Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 200 block of West Second Street.

Oct. 23

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 800 block of North Walnut Street.

A summons was issued **Morgan Sherman**, 20, for possession of marijuana at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

A summons was issued to **Quynh Le**, 18, for possession of marijuana at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at Beal Park.

Oct. 24

A summons was issued to **Cameron Smith**, 35 for driving while suspended and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 200 block of South Vine Street.

Oct. 25

There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle at the 600 block of South Prairie Street.

There was a vehicle fire at the 700 block East First Street.

Oct. 29

A summons was issued to **Starla Ely**, 19, from New London, Missouri for minor in possession at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

Oct. 31

A summons was issued to **Zachary Shields**, 20, for driving while suspended and failure to obey a traffic signal at the 300 block of N. Main Street.



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CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 4. Longtime sports columnist Cook
- 9. Tributary of the Rio Grande
- 14. Geological time
- 15. About ilium
- 16. Religion
- 17. Beverage holder
- 18. Its largest city is Fargo
- 20. Attaches muscle to a bone
- 22. Hindu queens
- 23. Sir __ Newton
- 24. Developments
- 28. British thermal unit
- 29. The Ocean State
- 30. Smell
- 31. Line
- 33. Seizure

- 37. Where vets are tended to
- 38. Goddess of the dawn
- 39. Pear-shaped fruit
- 41. Taxi
- 42. Where injured ballplayers end up
- 43. Preceding period
- 44. Uncovers
- 46. Smudge
- 49. Dad
- 50. Peyton’s little bro
- 51. Flawless
- 55. Judges
- 58. Expressed one’s displeasure
- 59. Immature
- 60. PBS interviewer
- 64. Hat
- 65. Cover with wood
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- 70. Long-term memory

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CLUES DOWN

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- 2. Hillsides
- 3. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
- 4. Used to see far away things
- 5. Inventor Musk
- 6. We all need it
- 7. __ King Cole
- 8. Earthy pigment
- 9. Stringed instrument
- 10. A language of the Inuit
- 11. Shuttered
- 12. Cereal plant
- 13. Senior officer
- 19. Sportscaster Patrick
- 21. What day it is
- 24. Petrels with saw-toothed bills
- 25. Bumps in the road
- 26. Stars
- 27. Riding horses

- 31. Swamp plant
- 32. Type of bear
- 34. Style of cuisine
- 35. Home of the Flyers
- 36. Serious-mindedness
- 40. Velvet Underground album
- 41. Highly important
- 45. Winged
- 47. Cultured
- 48. Fastened
- 52. __ Royce
- 53. Wreath
- 54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 56. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 57. Ninth month
- 59. Deployed
- 60. Cycles per second
- 61. Expresses surprise
- 62. Mythological bird
- 63. Open payment initiative

LAST WEEK’S SOLUTIONS

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GUESS WHO

I love to write about the supernatural, demons and evil. I have published 54 books in my writing career, including seven under the pen name of Richard Bachman. I write about my home state of Maine in the majority of my books, and I love to add connections between all of my books. I have written books like "Under the Dome," "Salem's Lot".

Answer: Stephen King

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Northwest

Zac Miller

Traveling far and taking his love for others everywhere he goes

MICHAEL CRIPE

A&E Editor | @MikeCripe

Faith and adventure. These are the two leading proponents of Zac Miller's life, and they are always in the back of his mind no matter what he is doing.

Miller, a senior psychology major with a minor in sport psychology, is a cross-country runner at Northwest and has been running since elementary school. Running long distances grants Miller the opportunity to cover a lot of ground while enrolled in college, but the distance he travels at school isn't enough to satisfy.

Miller says one of the best things to happen to him was a decision he made when he was 16. This decision was his choice to grow his relationship with Jesus.

"I was at Northwest for a Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp, and my friend Chance Dahle also made the same decision I did to give control of his life over to Jesus," Miller said.

Dahle and Miller went on a trip over the summer where they managed to see Grand Canyon National Park, Joshua Tree National Park and Zion National Park.

Dahle, a parks, recreation and sport major at the University of Missouri, says others are attracted to Miller's welcoming, caring and open nature.

"I like to say that Zac always looks as himself as third," Dahle said. "In other words: he always puts God first, others second and himself third."

Miller's friend went on to explain how Miller's drive has always been impressive, especially during harder times.

"I admire Zac's perseverance," Dahle said. "He has strug-

gled throughout his running career, most specifically with discovering he had celiac disease. Through all the struggles and diet change Zac has remained positive and worked hard every day."

Because of his love of traveling and helping others, Miller has taken every opportunity he has to travel; not only for himself, but now, for others too.

Miller has been to Haiti for vision trips (an experience de-

isn't even exclusive to places just outside of Northwest.

"I helped start up a new ministry here at Northwest called The Well," Miller said. "We started up this semester and it has been a super encouraging experience. It was an idea that my dad had to create a new ministry atmosphere at Northwest Missouri State University."

The Well's mission statement is "creating a new normal." To Miller, this means The Well is in-

when he was only 1-year-old.

"He was abandoned in a box on the side of the road and was found by a police officer who took him to a hospital," Miller said. "He was then in an orphanage in a small village when we got matched with him. My parents had to take two trips to Ethiopia in order to get him."

Miller says his now 5-year-old brother is someone he is extremely close with, so much so

back to considering how it relates to many of the other activities Miller is involved in.

"It is a company called New Creation Gear and is based on faith and adventure," Miller. "It was very fun to do, but we just have not been selling enough recently to sustain ourselves. I would love to get it going again in the future."

Along with this, Miller also used to dabble in writing hip-hop music as a hobby, though, this is something he only does occasionally now.

Pursuing new avenues of creativity comes naturally to Miller, and it is all thanks to his willingness to try and make a difference. To Miller, no act is too small to ignore, because sometimes a random act of kindness could make the biggest difference in someone's day.

Miller has a favorite quote relating to this ideal. The quote is from Ann Voskamp, and reads, "It's strange how that is: everybody wants to change the world, but nobody wants to do the small thing that makes just one person feel loved."

He thinks about this quote in hopes of bringing positivity in the world, and many who have met Miller can agree he succeeds in his hopes with flying colors.

"It is a great reminder for me to do the small things every day that can make a big difference in the lives of others," Miller said. "Too often we neglect the simple, small ways we can show love to others in our pursuit of something greater. Maybe what is greater is to give yourself away to others on a daily basis."

Too often we neglect the simple, small ways we can show love to others in our pursuit of something greater. Maybe what is greater is to give yourself away to others on a daily basis."

-Zac Miller

signed to help those interested in the mission field experience specific projects) three times now, and he says being able to see the impact someone can make on the lives of others is life changing.

"Another great moment in my life was going back to Haiti on a vision trip for the second time in a year," Miller said. "I went to Haiti with a ministry called Global Orphan Project, where they allowed us to see the work they were doing in Haiti, including loving the kids who live at the orphanages they support. It was so amazing to me that the kids remembered me from my first trip."

Miller and his desire to bring happiness and change to different places isn't exclusive to areas outside of the country. In fact, it

terested in offering college students a new way to experience life.

Every Wednesday meeting is ran entirely at Miller's house, further creating a setting built on being comfortable and open.

"Our goal is to create a very welcoming environment and to create a space where people feel like they can be open and vulnerable and listened to," Miller said. "We don't want the ministry to be focused on doing 'good works,' but on having an authentic relationship with Christ that compels us to love and serve others like Christ did."

Miller's compassion for others relates back to home life as well. Four years ago his family adopted a boy from Ethiopia

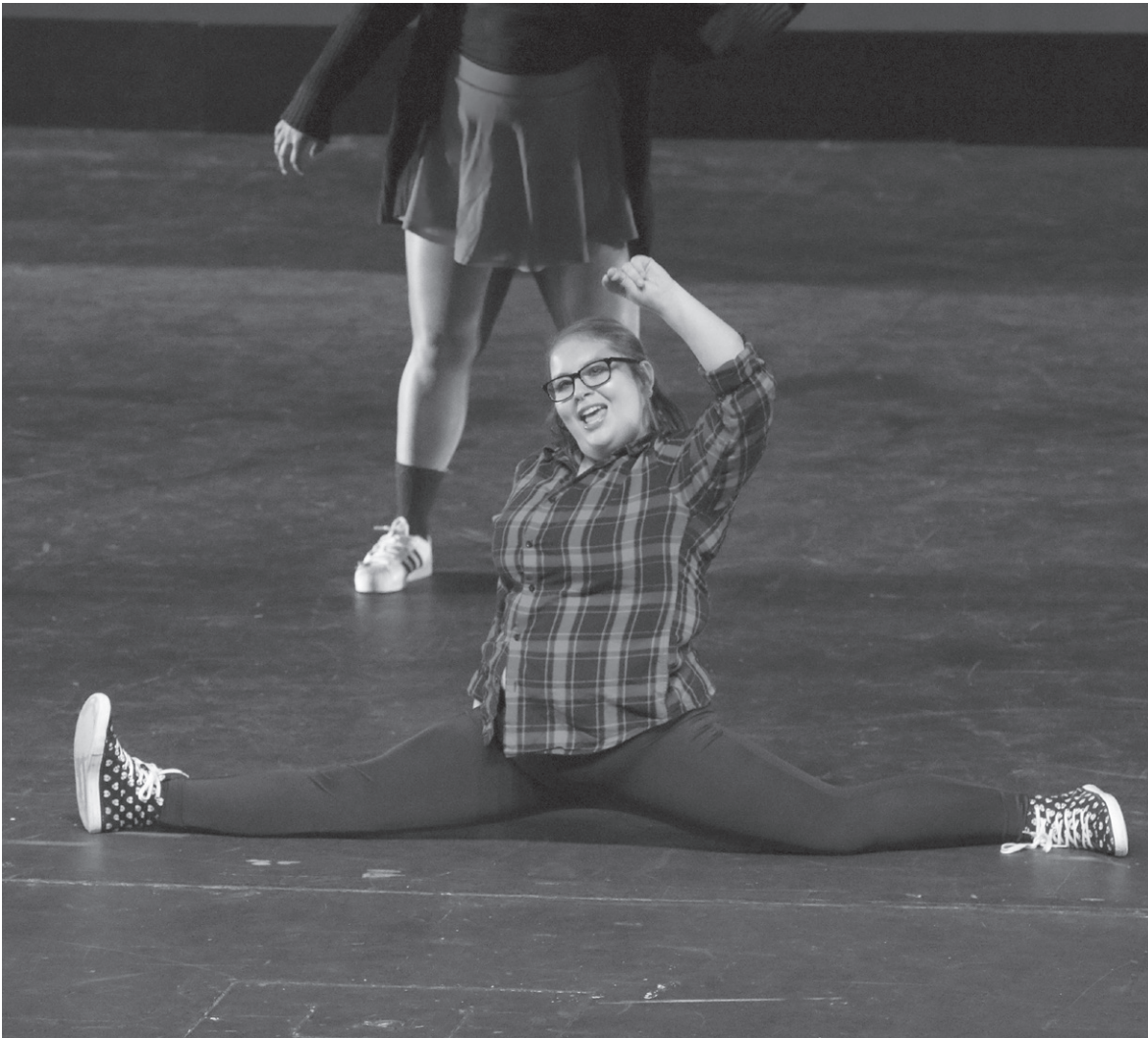
that Miller can only describe him as a blessing and his best friend.

"His name when we adopted him was Tariku Christian, but we legally changed his name to Xavier Tariku Miller," Miller said. "Zavier is obsessed with the Chiefs, Royals and Mizzou Tigers and we are constantly playing sports together."

The Well, cross-country, Zavier and his passion for compassion are all part of what keeps Miller traveling with an ambitious mindset. But his ambition doesn't stop with trying to spread love.

In the past, Miller, with the help a friend, managed to start an apparel company. He says sales have been low recently, but it is something he would love to get





90 dancers showcased 14 dances and nine short acts during Northwest Dance Company’s fall showcase Oct. 27 in the Performing Arts Center.

ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN

Dance Company show sets new barre

ABBEY HUGO
Missourian Reporter | @NWM_AE

Tapping, twirling and popping, the Northwest Dance Company (NWDC) astounded at their annual fall show.

The show took place Oct. 27 in the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts. It was a night of spectacular dancing and immense applause.

Being the first show of the year, the night allowed the students of NWDC to display moves they had been working on all semester. After seven weeks of prac-

tice, the dancers were itching to perform in front of a live audience.

“It was absolutely 100 percent worth it, just to see it all come together. Seeing 90 dancers turn into 21 dances is amazing,” senior Emily Johnson said.

The 90 dancers came together right in tune.

The show featured hip-hop, clogging, jazz, contemporary, tap, swing dancing and even a touch of the Irish jig. With a total of 14 dances and seven short acts, the talent seemed to never end.

Because NWDC is a student run organization, each dance was

not only performed by students, but had been choreographed by students as well.

The collaboration between peers is what makes NWDC so special.

“[The best part of NWDC] is the community it provides you with, being in a group of people who love the same thing as you,” junior Jordan Johnson said.

Dancing alongside people through grueling practices week after week, tends to result in undeniably strong bonds. Those bonds made the show a bittersweet occasion for all graduating seniors.

Though the show must go on, the six seniors take solace in the memories formed during their many semesters at NWDC.

“All the friendships and bonds you create are going to last a lifetime,” Emily Johnson said.

Along with performing beside close friends, the audience greatly contributed to making the show a memorable experience for the dancers.

“It was a great turnout, lots of energy,” Jordan Johnson said. “It’s awesome to be able to perform in front of the parents and all the friends who go here.”

Hundreds of students thronged the Ron Houston Center eager to see the show.

With popular song choices such as “Acapella,” “Addicted to Love” and “Somebody That I Used to Know,” many audience members couldn’t help but sing along while dancers did their thing upon the stage.

Between each dance, the cheers and shouts of adoration were nearly unceasing.

It was abundantly clear the audience enjoyed watching the performances just as much as the dancers enjoyed putting it on.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants peace for media, Greeks

Being in Greek Life is hard. Being a media student in Greek Life is harder.

I have been a sorority woman since my freshman year and a journalist for just as long. I love both dearly. Sometimes, though, it seems like they are at odds, tearing me apart in the process.

Whether it’s reporting on a controversial fraternity or sorority women emptying the newspaper bins for crafts without reading the hard work the writers, designers and photographers do, the two butt heads all the

time. As someone with a foot in both realms I sometimes receive the brunt of both forces.

One will tell me not to mention I’m in Greek Life, while the other wants me to write about what the Greek Community is up to. At some points I feel like I have to walk a thin ink line. They act as if they are in battle.

What Greek Life and media fail to understand is if they treat the other as the enemy, it will become their enemy. In the process, both organizations alienate the members who are part of

both worlds.

When Greek Life or media treat the other as the bad guy, it sends the message that we, members of both, are essentially traitors. We are often caught playing messenger, or devil’s advocate in meetings.

I usually describe it to friends as being a child caught in the middle of divorcing parents. We want everyone to be happy and get along, but know sometimes we may have to pick one or the other.

We are not your enemy, we

are students, just like the rest of our organizations. We have feelings. We are pursuing a degree in something we love. We joined families connected by values and beliefs. We should not be punished for any of these things.

If Greek Life and the Northwest Media do not start playing nice with each other, then they will only continue this disservice to their members.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

They Call Me Q leaves Northwest in tears of laughter

SARAH VON SEGGERN
Missourian Reporter | @NWM_AE

As laughter spilled out of the Charles Johnson Theater, one distinct voice imitating a multitude of accents and different personas could be heard. This one comedic voice told an empowering story of diversity, adversity and identity.

Award-winning actress and producer Qurrat Ann Kadwani performed her self-written solo play “They Call

Me Q” Oct. 26 in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. According to Kadwani, she has performed her play over 200 times in 35 states across America presenting it to various Universities in her college tour.

Through her performance, Kadwani told her story of her own identity beginning with something everybody identifies themselves as: their name. This succeeded in setting the mood with laughter and un-

derstanding as her expression went from pure happiness to downright disappointment at how difficult her name was for others to say.

Along with playing as herself through various stages of her life, she also acted the roles of 12 other people such as her family members, friends, classmates and bullies. To distinguish the various parts, Kadwani was required to use and take on many different personalities each with their own unique accents, way of speaking and dressing.

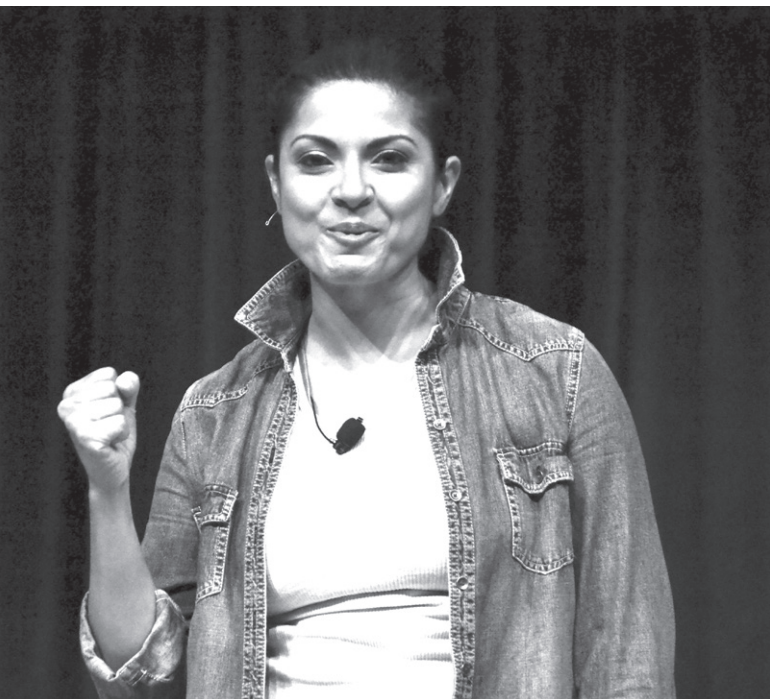
“She is so talented that she can go through so many dialects,” community member Phyllis Adams said. “I mean to be able to be that diversified and do that (is amazing).”

Kadwani’s passion for acting and bustling activity on the stage as she changed articles of clothing kept people curious and engaged throughout the whole performance.

“When I saw a solo play when I was 19, I really was mesmerized by the art form and I always remembered that,” Kadwani said.

She later got the inspiration to write and create her own solo play after the lack of opportunity and diversity within the entertainment world kept her from fulfilling her career.

Through theater, Kadwani has been able to make her voice heard and by performing her play, she hopes to not only further people’s awareness of the importance of diversity, but also to show others they have a voice too, no matter what occupation, race or gender.



TAYLOR LEGRONE | NW MISSOURIAN

Award-winning actress and producer Qurrat Ann Kadwani performed her self-written solo play “They Call Me Q” Oct. 26 in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

“I learned that I need to have more of a voice... especially since I am a co-chair (in Sigma Society),” sophomore and fundraising co-chair for Sigma Society Alex Green said. “I don’t really feel like I have much of a voice and she made me think that I need to speak my voice more.”

While the play is simply for one night and one hour, the message it spreads will always remain and continue to thrive even when it has run

its course. For many, they took home more than just a smile, but also a feeling and a sense of understanding.

“I think (this play is) good for everybody in the sense that it reinforces themes of acceptance in terms of culture, identity and diversity,” Kadwani said. “It also enables audiences who may not have exposure to people of different cultures to expand their minds... It has great power to connect people of all backgrounds.”



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Northwest moves forward from Duke

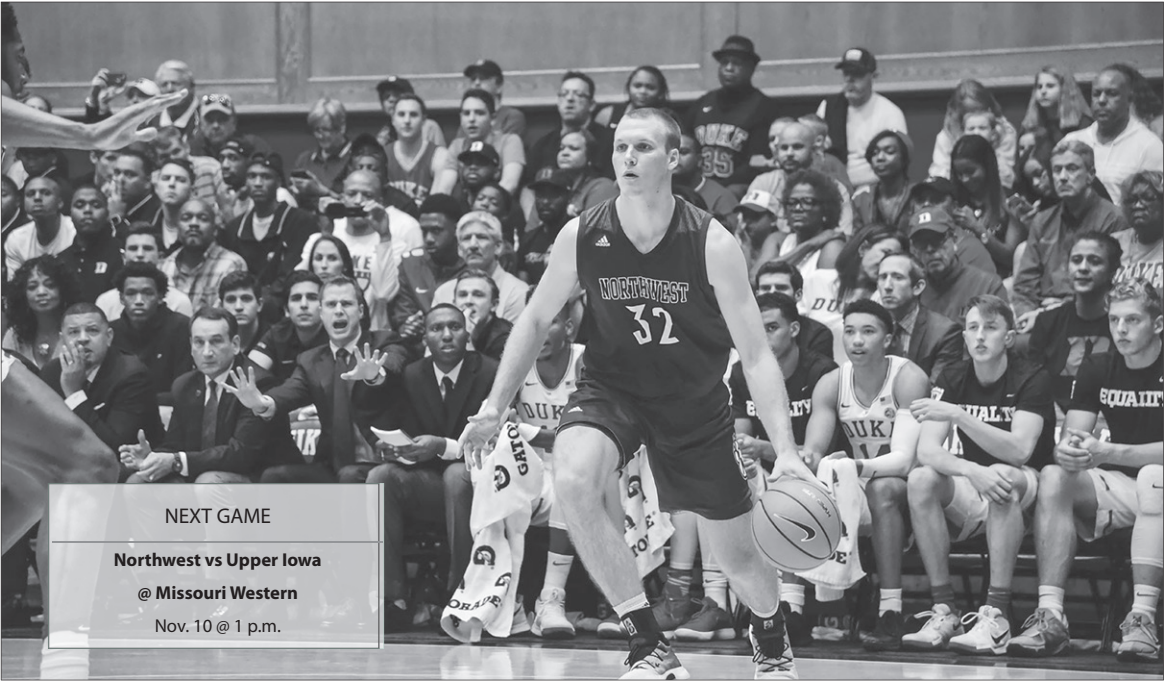
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Following an experience of a lifetime, Northwest coach Ben McCollum received a humbling experience as well as many lessons ahead of the 2017 campaign.

McCollum met Duke coach and five-time Division I national champion, Mike Krzyzewski and according to the four-time MIAA Coach of the Year, McCollum explained the normality of the situation.

“It’s interesting when you see something like that,” McCollum said. “First off, he’s about as neat of a person as he is on TV. Second, when you actually meet them, they’re just a normal person just like me and you. He does a really good job of coming down to your level...he makes you feel like he’s on your level.”

Since 2009, Duke has invited the Division II national champion for an annual exhibition game. In a loud and historic Cameron Indoor Stadium, the Bearcat basketball



Senior Brett Dougherty looks for an opening during Northwest’s historic opportunity to face Duke University for an exhibition game Oct. 27 at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

team hit 12 tres and limited Duke to just 8-of-33 from 3-point land.

After an exhibition game that

means close to nothing, a couple new faces introduced themselves as possible crucial pieces to the

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Bearcats back-to-back championship run.

Junior Joey Witthus led the

Bearcats in 3-point makes, finishing with four long-range balls for 14 points. The Minnesota State transfer started against Duke and seems to have already found himself as a prominent role player in the Bearcats lineup.

“He played very well,” McCollum said. “He’s got a high basketball IQ so generally, those guys adapt pretty quickly to our system.”

Freshman Ryan Hawkins poses as another rising story for the returning champions

Before the Duke game, Hawkins had a ‘terrible’ shoot-around, according to McCollum.

“I got mad,” McCollum said. “Turns out afterward, I think he had thrown up a couple times he was so nervous.”

McCollum didn’t confirm whether that was true or not, but said Hawkins pieced together a game-high 14 points shooting 5-of-7. The Atlantic, Iowa native also added three rebounds and a steal.

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BEARCATS CONTINUED FROM A12

“I just feel like right now, after last week, I’ve decided to insert myself a little bit more into what’s going on, on that side (offense) of the ball,” Wright said. “I’ve been in a leadership position for a long time and I think there’s some things that I can provide to help with some stuff on that side of the ball.”

The final question mark Wright openly expressed was the kicking concerns.

While only converting 9 of his 20 field goal attempts, Northwest junior kicker Brett Garner has faced criticism. With his confidence on the decline, Wright has instituted a weekly kicking competition between Garner and red-shirt freshman Parker Sampson

Whoever wins the competition, gets the starting job. There’s

one problem.

“That’s been an issue all year,” Wright said. “Every time, he hasn’t won the competition so you go back to the guy who wins it in practice. We will reevaluate it this week.”

Wright talked to Sampson Sunday at the complex about the urgency of the kicking situation. With the option potentially available, two main factors are to be considered:

1) Sampson is a redshirt freshman, meaning, if Wright were to call his number, he would lose almost a full season of eligibility with the regular season holding just two games left (with a possibility of 4-5 playoff games.).

2) Garner may be struggling but every time the two compete for the position in practice, the senior always proves to have the better foot.

“I think the easy thing to say is ‘put someone else in,’” Wright said. “Trust me, if I could put somebody out there that I think could execute better in the situation, I would.”

This weekend, the Bearcat defense will face double trouble in the No. 1 and No. 5 ranked running backs in the conference.

“They’re both very fast kids and explosive if they get downhill on you quickly,” Wright said. “They run bigger than what they are. Anything they do, we will need to make them slide and shift

NEXT GAME
No. 6 Fort Hays at No. 8 Northwest Nov. 4 @ 1:30 p.m.

to get them to the outside. If we can do that, then we can have a chance of neutralizing a lot of what they like to do within their rushing attack.”

Combined, senior Kenneth Iheme and sophomore Charlesw Tigner have collected over 1,600 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns. In a spread style offense, the Bearcat defense will need one of its top performances if it is to slow down the conference’s best ground attack.

MHS CONTINUED FROM A12

Chillicothe took Maryville out of its comfort zone, limiting the Spoofhounds to 196 yards of total offense.

“Last time, we just came out flat,” senior Will Walker said. “They took advantage of all the streaks we had made. We just weren’t ready to play.”

Maryville’s core three running backs produced a combined 132 yards on 29 carries. The offense turned to Walker in the air. He finished the game 3-for-21 throwing for a mere 64 yards.

Along with the troubled of-

fense, the Spoofhounds’ offense turned the ball over five times.

“We had mis-exchanged hand-offs,” Walker said. “We couldn’t get any momentum going. Everything we did went wrong”

Following the match up, Chillicothe coach Phil Willard mentioned the two teams could possibly meet again.

“They are going to be a good football team,” Willard said. “I know they have a couple kids who are coming out that are going to help them.”

Maryville never put the possibility behind, growing as a team each week.

Putting a 42-6 loss to Smithville aside, the Spoofhounds have

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ Chillicothe Nov. 3 @ 7 p.m.

done just that.

“That credit goes to the kids for being coachable,” Webb said. “They’ve accepted a new challenge every week.”

Webb has one message for Spoofhound faithful ahead of the road dual.

“We’re going to need every fan that can be there and be loud in the stands and help us win a football game on the road,” Webb said.

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ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Ryan Hawkins



The freshman scored a team-high 14 points in Northwest’s 93-60 loss to NCAA Division I’s Duke. Hawkins was 5-for-7 from the field and 4-for-6 beyond the arc.

Emily Madden



The sophomore forward had one assist and one goal in Northwest’s 2-1 victory over Lindenwood Oct. 29. It was her goal scored this season.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Tyler Houchin



The junior racked up 157 yards on 17 carries in Maryville’s 42-7 victory over St. Pius X Oct. 27. He also led the Spoofhounds defensively with 5.5 tackles.

Amy Feuerbacher



The sophomore ran a 22:06 in the Class 3 District 8 Championship Oct. 29. Her 7th place finish qualified her for the MSHSAA Class 3 State Championship.

Cross country qualifies four to state championship

ANDREW WEGLEY
Missourian Reporter | @nwmsports

An injured Maryville cross country team arrived in Smithville last Saturday with its future hanging in the balance. The Spoofhounds had been decimated by injuries all season, but four runners still managed to qualify for the Class 3 State meet.

Senior Caleb Feuerbacher comfortably finished first at the Class 3 District 8 meet for the second-consecutive year. With a time of 16:48, Feuerbacher beat the next closest competitor by 15 seconds. Senior Jon Holtman also qualified for the boys, finishing the race with a time of 18:12, good for 10th overall.

On the girls side, sophomores Amy and Laura Feuerbacher both ran their way to the state meet, finishing seventh and 15th respectively.

Given all the injuries and roster movement throughout the season, coach Rodney Bade was pleased with Maryville's performance at districts.

"We've had some injuries this year, so our team dynamic changed quite a bit over the last two weeks," Bade said. "So taking four (to state) is very positive."

A few weeks ago, the thought of taking the whole boys team to state was not out of the question.

"Earlier in the season we were looking more significantly into taking teams (to state)," Bade said. "But you know, stuff happens."

Three of the four state qualifiers for Maryville hail from the same household. Caleb, Amy, and Laura Feuerbacher are siblings, the latter two being fraternal twins. For Bade, coaching the Feuerbacher's



Senior Caleb Fuebacher celebrates his time of 16:48 as he crosses the finish line during districts, to qualify him for Class 3 state Championship Nov. 4.

has been a learning experience. "There's some times where I have to just step back and let them go, because it's what they would act like at home," Bade said. "It's non-running related typically. I've had to just kinda learn and let them work it out on their own."

As the qualifying Spoofhounds prepare for their trip to Jefferson City, all eyes will be on the eldest Feuerbacher, per usual. Caleb,

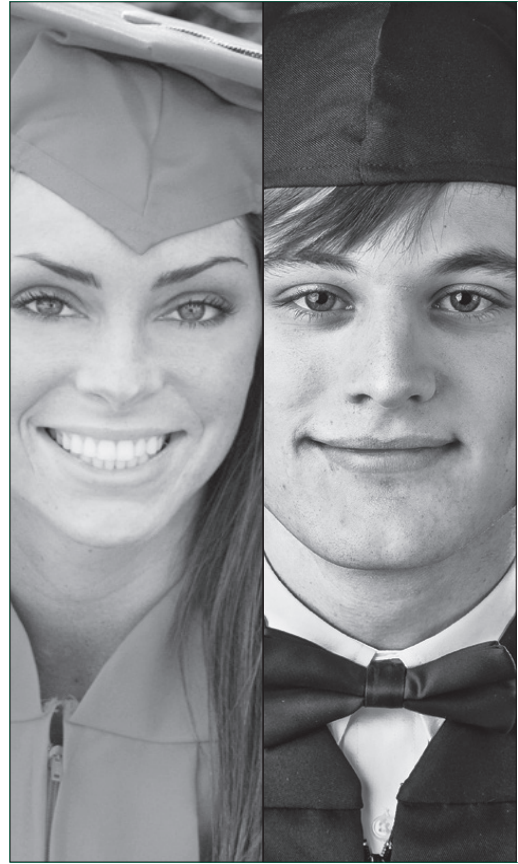
who has verbally committed to run at the University of Missouri next year, has a knack for the spotlight. "I just really tried to enjoy the moment. As I came through the finishing stretch, I did some celebrating," Feuerbacher said. "I just really wanted to take it in; this is the last time I'll get to really dominate in cross country for a while."

The senior has been known to celebrate on his way to the finish

line, usually not close enough to this nearest opponent for anyone to take offense. His district dominance was on full-display by his wide 15-second victory, yet coach Bade implied that Feuerbacher wasn't even going full throttle. "Quite frankly, he probably cruised that last mile and just relaxed," Bade said. "That sounds braggy, but it's reality. He just enjoyed that last bit, which, why not?"

He won't ever be in that position again, so why not enjoy it?" Feuerbacher is hoping to earn a medal this Saturday at state after finishing 18th overall a year ago. "I think top five is definitely not out of the question," Feuerbacher said. "That's my goal."

The Spoofhounds compete in the Class 3 State meet this Saturday Nov. 4 at Oak Hills Golf Center in Jefferson City.



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Northwest loses key piece, prepared for regional test

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Following a difficult outcome at the MIAA Championship meet, the Northwest cross country team prepares for the NCAA Central Regional meet.

With the loss of one of the top runners on the men's side (Brandon Phipps) coach Scott Lorek said the team's focus during their Monday team meeting was looking forward, not backward.

"We had some issues with our mindset going into the competition (MIAA Championships) and it was different for each individual," Lorek said. "Monday was an opportunity to stop, reset ourselves and get the right mindset."

At this point in the Bearcat's season, the mental aspects of the meets play a large role in determining the outcomes. The mentality that Lorek says the team needs to rekindle is that of running like an animal.

"We have to start with what your effort is going to be, then you can add things to it," Lorek said. "You can add different kind of fitness points, but if you lose the first part it doesn't make up for it."

The Bearcats will need to run hard against the competition



NEXT GAMES

Northwest at NCAA Regionals

Kearney, Nebraska

Nov. 4 @ 12:15 p.m.

at the NCAA Regional to repeat their success from last year. The men placed third last year and qualified for the NCAA Championship. The women's team finished 19th out of 32 teams and did not qualify any runners.

This will not be an easy task to return to success with competition such as five time defending regional champions Augustana.

The tough competition combined with the unfamiliar course at Kearney, Nebraska offers the Bearcats a tough mix to prepare for. Junior Sierra Coen said the preparation this week has helped her confidence.

"If I have a good workout, I'm more confident going into a race," Coen said. "I know what I can do, but when I'm actually running, I freak myself out too much and do something I don't want to."

No one on the roster has ran at the course in Kearney and having a day to run the course before the meet will be a crucial time for the Bearcats to get acquainted with it.



Bearcat Cross Country prepares for NCAA Central Regional in Kearney, NE Nov. 4.

Coen said running in Maryville has prepared her for running anywhere.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays State.....	9-0	9-0
NORTHWEST.....	8-1	8-1
Central Missouri.....	6-3	6-3
Washburn.....	6-3	6-3
Central Oklaho- ma.....	5-4	5-4
Pittsburg State.....	5-4	5-4
Emporia State.....	4-5	4-5
Missouri Western.....	4-5	4-5
Lindenwood.....	3-6	3-6
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-6	3-6
Northeastern State.....	1-8	1-8
Missouri Southern.....	0-9	0-9

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Nebraska Kearney.....	26-2	13-1
Central Oklaho- ma.....	25-3	12-2
Missouri Western.....	18-9	12-2
Central Missouri.....	20-7	10-4
NORTHWEST.....	14-12	8-6
Washburn.....	16-10	7-7
Lindenwood.....	16-12	7-7
Emporia State.....	14-14	6-9
Missouri Southern.....	11-16	4-10
Fort Hays State.....	10-19	2-12
Pittsburg State.....	5-21	2-12
Southwest Baptist.....	2-26	1-13

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Soccer falls short of postseason berth

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Northwest soccer saw its season conclude prior to the MIAA tournament for its fifth straight season.



The Bearcats (7-10, 4-7 MIAA) were just one point away from making the postseason and taking on the No. 1 ranked Central Missouri University Jennies.

After a 2-1 victory Oct. 29 over Lindenwood, Northwest put themselves in a position to take the final spot in the tourney ahead of Emporia State. The Hornets collected two points in a double-overtime thriller where they scored a goal with 45 seconds left.

“Everyone on the team can say that we have grown tremendously,” freshman Bri Wawiorka said. “There were a lot of freshmen coming in and the different playing styles meshed really well with returning players as the season went on.”

Wawiorka played a large part in the Bearcat attack this season finding the back of the net three times while tallying two assists.

The freshman also was tied with the team lead in points. Sophomore Izzy Romano led the team in goals last year with four, but this year recorded half of her year one total.

This year Romano fired the most shots along with shots on goal for Northwest. As a whole, the Bearcats put up 267 shots with 145 having a chance to score. This year’s team is now fourth all

time in shots on goal. Romano explained how this year was more difficult than last.

“I was a fresh face to all the teams in our conference last year and no one knew how I played,” Romano said. “I definitely feel more defensive pressure now than before. One of the most important things to do on the field is to stay aggressive. You learn to keep your cool when other teams are overly aggressive towards you.”

Senior Ashley Malloy stopped 80 shots this year. The Northwest defense improved this season recording six more saves than the previous year.

As a result of being more aggressive on defense, the Bearcats have picked up seven yellow cards which is two more than last year. Romano said the defense is the first step in winning games.

“Ever since high school, I have believed that the most important factor to winning games is defense,” Romano said. “This is not just the defensive line but has to do with every player doing their work defensively.”

With another season finishing earlier than expected, the Bearcats set their focus on the offseason. Wawiorka described how coach Tracy Hoza stresses the meaning of teamwork.

“You know that any one of your teammates has your back,” Wawiorka said. “One thing coach wanted us to work on at the start of preseason is not being ‘I’ and ‘Me’ but making it ‘Us’ and ‘We’” and I



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Freshman Alex Mausbach bolts past Lindenwood’s defense Oct. 29 during the Bearcat’s 2-1 victory to close their season. Mausbach scored her first goal of the season.

Step forward offset by step back for Bearcats

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Northwest Volleyball faced a roller coaster weekend with a pair of highly competitive conference home matches.



Both ended in opposite fashion.

The Bearcats (14-13, 8-6, MIAA) beat No. 19 Central Missouri 3-1 Oct. 27 at Bearcat Arena representing what is likely their biggest victory of the season. The win marked a bounce back after the squad gave up a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Missouri Western in their previous match.

Junior Maddy Bruder said being able to attack the weak points of the Jennies (20-7, 10-4, MIAA) defense gave the Bearcats the decisive edge.

“We were offensively controlling them instead of giving them the opportunity to control us,” Bruder said. “We were able to figure out their defense, and expose their areas on their side of the court that aren’t as strong.”

Bruder led the team with 21 kills in the match. Freshman Hallie Sidney finished second in the match with a season-best 15 kills.

The momentum building win was followed up by a disappointing performance versus Lindenwood on Oct. 28. Northwest swept the Lions (16-12, 7-7, MIAA) 3-0 early this season but it was thoroughly out played in the final two sets that resulted in a 3-2 loss.

Coach Amy Woerth gave credit to the job Lindenwood did to



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The Bearcats defeated Central Missouri 3-1 Oct. 27 and Lindenwood took a 3-2 win over Northwest Oct. 28. The Bearcats now possess a 14-13 overall record.

disrupt the offensive rhythm her team carried into that match.

“Defensively they were frustrating us because we weren’t find ways to get kills and that wears on you,” Woerth said. “From the standpoint of us having the offense we wanted we just didn’t have it and that’s how you score points.”

Putting together a complete match has been an aspect the Bearcats have focused on a lot this season. Northwest has been on the verge of that achievement in both of its five set losses to the Lions and Griffons (18-9, 12-2, MIAA) before it’s struggles in the final two sets hit.

Woerth said adjusting to

changes teams bring in the fourth and fifth set is the next wall Northwest needs to break through.

“I think we do a really good job doing our game plan at the beginning of the match,” Woerth said. “We got to grow when the team comes back and counters us. That’s the next step of what we got to do.”

In both of the latest MIAA losses, the Bearcats averaged a hitting percentage of .309 in the first three sets but averaged an almost nonexistent -.004 in the final two sets. Woerth said having a second gear to the offense is key to late match success.

“It’s a matter of how many lay-

ers do you have and when are you deciding to do that second layer you offense,” Woerth said. “I think that’s where we struggle with making that adjustment. It’s such a cat and mouse game.”

Woerth stated that improved success late in matches boils down to just simply executing better.

“When teams are pushing back at us that’s where we have to step up and have another layer of our offense which we have,” Woerth said. “It’s just the ability of our players to do it in those moments.”

Northwest was also swept 3-0 on the road to Truman State Oct. 31.

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Pittsburg’s cornerback Juanité Baldwin knocks the ball away from Northwest junior wide receiver Shawn Bane Jr. during the Bearcat’s 20-10 loss Oct. 28.

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Up in the air

After loss, Northwest set for toughest challenge yet

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Que the dark storm clouds and confused Bearcat fans because after Saturday’s performance, Northwest football is searching for answers.



“There’s just a weird feeling around the facilities Sunday,” junior defensive end Austin Eskew said. “We talked about it in our team meeting and what we need to do differently. I do feel like there’s a sense of urgency.”

The urgency Eskew referred to is the must-win situation the No. 8 Bearcats (8-1) find themselves in this weekend against No. 6 Fort Hays State (9-0).

The last time Northwest lost back-to-back games was in 2001. At the weekly Northwest Media Luncheon Oct. 31, coach Rich Wright gave an insight of what went wrong but more importantly, what can be resolved ahead of the biggest regular season game of the season.

The first issue Wright discussed were the six Bearcat turnovers, five of which coming at the hands of senior quarterback Zach Martin.

“I think if Zack was sitting here today, he would be the first to tell you he tried to do too much,” Wright said. “Some of it was every bounce that could go wrong, went wrong. That’s frustrating, but that’s football.”

Next, Wright addressed the of-

fensive struggles against Pittsburg State (5-4), but also the overall scoring issues throughout the season.

In the past, Northwest head coaches have thrived on being the primary offensive masterminds. When Mel Tjeerdsma coached (1994-2010) the team, Scott Bostwick commanded the defense.

When Adam Dorrel (2011-2016) was introduced as the next head football coach, he primarily worked with the offense as well, leaving the defensive duties to coach Wright.

Since then, the tables have turned.

Wright (2017-present) is now at the helm assuming all defensive duties, while 2016 Division

“I just feel like right now, after last week, I’ve decided to insert myself a little bit more into what’s going on, on that side (offense) of the ball.

-coach Rich Wright

II Coordinator of the Year, Charlie Flohr, mans the offense.

It’s a news spot for Wright and to him, the feeling is different. The first-year coach explained that the

position is unique, but after the Bearcats first loss in almost three years, something needs to change.

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Terrible turnovers proves to be turmoil for Bearcats, history books prove it

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Chief Reporter
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Over the past week Northwest football fell victim to not only the turnover battle, but the mistakes that religiously haunt the Pittsburg State series.

Throughout each season, this matchup is marked up as a predestined classic in the making and the defense is to thank each time for this spectacle.

For the first time since 2014, Northwest will finish with a loss

in the regular season, thanks to the defense of the Gorillas. Pittsburg State haunted the Bearcat offense leaving no margin for error and with that type of pressure came mistakes; plenty of them.

Northwest ended up giving the ball up six times to this stout Pitt State defense that ranks in the top 35 in turnover margin. The Bearcats gave the ball away four times through the air and two times on the ground.

The majority of these giveaways were crucial as three times Northwest was within its own side of the field and two more times within the Pittsburg State redzone.

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‘Hounds set for trench rematch with Hornets

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With its season on the line, Maryville faces a tough task in the Class 3 District 8 Championship.



The Spoofhounds (9-2) travel to Chillicothe (10-1) Nov. 3. The Hornets handed Maryville the program’s first regular season loss since Sept. 1, 2011.

“We want them so bad,” junior running back Tyler Houchin said. “I can’t wait to play a good Chillicothe team and go out there and just have fun.”

The matchup marks the Spoofhounds’ sixth consecutive appearance in the district championship. It is the first time Maryville has

not had home field advantage during the streak.

Chillicothe averages more than 42 points a game, and has held opponents to less than 20 points in nine of its 11 games.

The Hornets have also won 11 of their last 12 home games. In the past two seasons combined, Chillicothe has compiled a 19-3 record.

“We need to find a way to get it done,” Maryville coach Matt Webb said. “I don’t know how long it’s going to take, I don’t know how many snaps, I don’t know how we’re going to do it, but we’re going to find a way to go win a district championship.”

Chillicothe pushed its way into the championship game following a 60-7 route over Pembroke Hill (8-3).

The Hornets ran the ball for 407 yards. Senior running back Josh Kile racked up 263 yards on 15 carries for six touchdowns.

“To beat Chillicothe you have to be excellent at the line of scrimmage,” Webb said. “We’re going to need to win that battle. It’s going to take a great effort to accomplish that.”

The Spoofhounds struggled to find success at the line in their 24-0 loss to Chillicothe week three.

The Hornets excelled through each aspect of the first game, controlling the ball through most of the contest.

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